



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

GRUNDFEST et al.

Art Unit: 3621

Application No.: 09/718,097

Examiner: S. Cangialosi

Filed: November 22, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: 026732-00011

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING TRANSACTION PROCESSING
AND DISPOSITION WITHIN AN ACCESS CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT VIA
A GLOBAL NETWORK SUCH AS THE INTERNET

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 28, 2006


Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 28, 2006** (the period for response being extended to April 28, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time), the Applicants hereby provisionally elect Claims 1-27, 70 and 92 of Group I directed to a Method for Billing and authentication. Provisionally elected Group I thus includes claims 1-27, 70 and 92, all of which are pending and subject to examination.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims. This election is made **with traverse**, as the Applicants respectfully submit that examination of all claims presents no undue burden on the Examiner. Consideration of all pending claims and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 026732-00011.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure: Petition for Extension of Time (one month)